

SEVEN CHARGED SLACKER AIDES BY ARMY HEADS

Three Bergdoll Guards
And Four Civilians
Accused.

COURTMARTIAL WAITS

Ansell Denies Renewed Reports of Receiving Large Fee.

The prosecution of seven persons, three in the military establishment and four civilians, was recommended by the Inspector General's office as the result of the investigation into the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, convicted draft evader, carried on by the War Department.

No action has been taken by the War Department individually, due to a desire of army officials to coordinate the prosecutions and to await the action of the Civil Courts before inaugurating courtmartial proceedings. The department, however, will have entire jurisdiction over the trial of the military persons involved, who, it was learned today, are the two guards and one of the officials at Castle William.

In Close Touch With Bergdoll.

The civilians shown by the War Department inquiry to have had a hand in the easy way in which Bergdoll made his get-away are all persons who have been in close touch with the Philadelphia slacker during the period that he was a fugitive, his incarceration and the attempts made to obtain his acquittal when he was tried and convicted by courtmartial. The evidence which the army investigators obtained is included in that in the hands of Charles D. McAvoy and will form the basis of the grand jury presentment now under way.

The present plan of the War Department, it is understood, is to proceed with a courtmartial trial as soon as the grand jury has acted, either by the return of indictments or no true bills.

A recurrence of the report of the large fee that had been promised the law firm of Ansell & Bailey for their efforts in behalf of Bergdoll was denied today by Col. Edward S. Bailey, who said that all the firm had ever got or that had been promised it was a retainer of \$5,000 at the time that the firm's services were enlisted.

Ansell "Believed Bergdoll."

"I have nothing to add to my previous statements," said Samuel T. Ansell, the other member of the firm, "other than to reiterate that we took this case because we were convinced Bergdoll had not been given a fair trial, and that we asked permission for him to go to Philadelphia under guard because we firmly believed, and still believe,

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POLK VACATES FEDERAL POST

Under Secretary of State
Paid Farewell Tribute
By the Press.

Frank L. Polk, Under Secretary of State, yesterday severed his official connection with the State Department after a service of five years during what has probably been the most strenuous time in the history of the department. Ill health and a desire to return to his private affairs caused the retirement of Mr. Polk. He will be succeeded by Norman H. Davis, for some time foreign advisor for the Treasury Department.

Mr. Polk was presented with a testimonial of esteem from the Washington newspaper men who have come in daily contact with him. The presentation was made by E. M. Hood, dean of the State Department correspondents, and it marked the first time in the more than forty years that Hood personally has been at the department that such a mark of respect has been paid by the newspaper men to any retiring official, from cabinet officers down.

Polk in a short reply expressed the conviction that the lessons the department had learned of the loyalty and aid rendered by the press would be of incalculable benefit to all future administrations. (Public Ledger Service.)

Mrs. Coolidge Keeps In Touch With Race



GOV. COOLIDGE AND MRS. COOLIDGE.

An intimate picture of Gov. Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Coolidge.

Coolidge has been named by the Republican party as Senator Harding's running mate for the Vice Presidency.

He is a hard-working, brisk-mannered man. His wife takes a keen interest in the details of his race.

TO PICK SCHOOL HEAD BY JULY 1

Simon Busy on Successor as
Citizens Open Fight for
Thurston.

Dr. Abram Simon, chairman of the committee appointed by Dr. Van Schaick, president of the Board of Education, to name a successor to Ernest L. Thurston as superintendent of schools, expects to report by July 1, he said last night. No names will be given until a definite report is submitted to the board, he said.

While the committee has not met formally, its members have talked the situation over and discussed some of the numerous applications coming in from all parts of the country from men who would like to be superintendent of the Washington school system.

Instead of "fishing" for the position because of the unsettled situation here, the applicants are enthusiastic in their hopes, Dr. Simon intimated.

The reinstatement of Thurston will be urged at a public mass meeting to be held tonight in Odd Fellows Hall, Benning, D. C., under the auspices of the Benning and Kenilworth Citizens' Associations.

SUGAR SHORTAGE DENIED BY REFINERIES

New York, June 14.—Denial of an existing sugar shortage was made today by prominent refiners, according to the Export and Import News Bureau. Most of the big dealers declared that the only question was one of railroad distribution according to ticker reports.

One refiner placed supplies for between now and January, 1921, as being 400,000 tons in excess of that available for a similar period last year.

(Public Ledger Service.)

\$50,000 Gems Lost On Harding Special Found in a Towel

Morristown, N. J., June 14.—Jewels valued at \$50,000 which Mrs. Arthur Whitney reported stolen while en route here from the Republican convention in the "Harding Special" were recovered, she announced on her arrival here today.

Mrs. Whitney found a passenger on the train found the jewels wrapped in a towel. She believes the person who took the gems became frightened.

Mrs. Whitney is the wife of Arthur Whitney, millionaire New Jersey State senator.

SUGAR FAMINE TO BE AVERTED BY NEW PLAN

Producers, Consumers and
Government Adopt Pref-
erential Distribution.

CANNING COMES FIRST

Homes Also to Be Provided
And Candy and Soda
Interests Last.

Preferential distribution of sugar rather than rationing is to be the method employed by the government to prevent the sugar shortage from reaching famine conditions this fall.

As the result of an agreement between the big producers and consumers of sugar, the Department of Justice will proceed with the formation of the National Sugar Distributing Committee. It was announced yesterday by Armin W. Riley, special assistant Attorney General who has been in charge of high cost of living prosecutions in New York. Mr. Riley said the committee would be functioning within two weeks. He predicted that it would operate to assure the canning and preserving interests and the housewives an adequate supply of sugar for the summer season and the lean months before the 1920 sugar crop is harvested.

All Interests Represented.

The distributing committee, Mr. Riley said, will consist of representatives of the refiners, the importers and brokers, the canners and preservers, the wholesale grocers and the candy, soft drink and ice cream manufacturers.

He indicated that arrangements already have been completed by which the refiners and importers agree to export to this country an adequate supply of sugar.

Under the plan the distributing committee will divert sugar first to the commercial canners, second to the wholesale grocers, and last to the candy and soft drink manufacturers.

Advocate Exports Embargo.

An embargo on sugar exports also is advocated by Mr. Riley and may be given serious consideration by the Department of Justice. Although the Attorney General has been delegated the power of Food and Drug Administration under the Lever act, there is grave question as to whether an export embargo could be ordered without a special act of Congress.

Mr. Riley cited the fact that American exports of sugar for the first five months of this year had exceeded the exportation of American-owned sugar during 1919. The sugar exports from this country from January 1 to May 27 totaled, he said, 220,000 long tons, as against 211,000 tons during 1919. The total export of all sugar from this country in 1919 amounted to 655,600 long tons, but 447,660 tons was moved by the British Sugar Commission and was refined in the United States under the war arrangement by which the American government bought the entire Cuban crop.

"EAGLE" WRECK PROBE HELD UP

Navy Court Waits for Re-
port from Philadelphia
Yard.

Official action by Navy Department officials here into the loss of Eagle Boat 25 must wait upon the receipt of the report of the preliminary investigation now being conducted by officers at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, according to statements made yesterday at the department.

An order for a court of inquiry has been issued, but the members of the court have not been named. Rear Admiral Robert E. Koonz, chief of Naval Operations, said that the membership of the court would be made public as soon as it could be determined how wide the scope of the investigation would have to be.

Officials of the Navy Department denied categorically that any naval vessel was ever sent to sea in an unseaworthy condition, and said that, although the Eagle boats had been found impracticable for overseas service, they were extremely useful as tenders and for duty along the coast.

(Public Ledger Service.)

Bryan May Lead Democrats On Dry Ticket, Backed by a New League of Nations Plan

By WILLIS J. ABBOT.

Chicago, Ill., June 14.—Political interest has shifted to the Democrats. Never have I seen excitement over the action of a convention subside so quickly. Ardent Republicans of the professionally political class profess hearty approval of the ticket, but the great majority of average people dismiss it as commonplace or denounce it as reactionary. Of enthusiasm there is not a trace. But politicians know that enthusiasm seldom carries elections.

Among independent voters, who exist in steadily increasing numbers, there is an inclination to defer expression until after the Democratic convention. When that has acted there may be a further halt until after the conference of the Committee of Forty-eight in this city, July 10. Should the Democrats be as deaf to the appeal for a constructive, progressive platform and nominations as were the Republicans, the meeting of that independent committee will be of notable importance.

Bryan Has Plan.

What the Democrats may do is all in the air. I talked with William J. Bryan for half an hour today, and found him hopeful, if not sanguine, of a better result in San Francisco than at Chicago. He seems to lay much more stress upon the fight for ratification of the treaty than upon a prohibition issue, which heretofore has been regarded as his hobby.

By that I do not mean that he has abandoned in any degree his determination to fight any effort to de-

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Labor Prepares to Launch Fight for Six-Hour Day; Gompers Against "Big" Union

Montreal, June 14.—Organized labor is preparing a nation-wide fight to establish the six-hour day.

All unions opening the fight now are assured full support of the American Federation of Labor under the unanimous decision of the federation's annual convention in session here. The convention includes delegates from every section of the United States.

The convention went on record as ready to back a fight to displace the eight-hour day with the six-hour day in adopting the annual report of the work day committee, presented by Secretary-Treasurer Hayes of the International Typographical Union.

A challenge to Prime Minister Lloyd George was thrown down in the convention here today by J. W.

Ogden, representing the British trade union congress.

Only Two Parties.

"There are now only two parties in England," said Ogden. "They are the labor party and the coalition headed by Mr. Lloyd George. Labor will welcome a general election any time the prime minister wants to try the issue."

By unanimous vote the convention ordered full support be given coastwise longshoremen on strike in New York and other Atlantic coast ports.

The campaign of New York employers against the strike was described to the convention as the first move in a nation-wide fight to establish the open shop. This was in a resolution presented by Delegate Costello of Brooklyn.

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PAYNE FAVORS U. S. OIL HUNT

Phelan Bill to Develop Foreign Resources Wins Support.

The administration yesterday approved Senator Phelan's bill, designed to provide for an adequate oil supply for the United States. The bill was introduced at the last session. John Barton Payne, Secretary of the Interior, in a report to the Senate Public Lands Committee, endorses the Phelan bill, which authorizes formation of the United States Oil Corporation to develop oil resources of foreign countries. Secretary Payne said:

"The public's need for an assured supply of oil is so great that the Federal government stands back of the endeavor to develop foreign sources of oil to replace in the future what America has exported in the past."

The Phelan bill provides that the United States Oil Corporation shall be controlled by a board of nine directors appointed by the President. The corporation can explore, develop, refine, transport, and store oil in foreign countries, subject to the preferential rights of the United States to take all of the supply at any time at market prices. American citizens must own the majority stock, but foreigners may hold minority stock.

The capitalization would be determined by the directors.

Senator Phelan will push the bill in the December session of Congress.

WALSH TO WAR AGAINST PACT

Senator Opposes Frisco Plank Without Reservations, He Says.

Senator David I. Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts, indicated in a statement issued last night that he will oppose the adoption by the Democratic national convention of a plank for ratification of the peace treaty without adequate reservations.

"I hope the Democratic party will take an honest, courageous and truly American position on such issues as the treaty, the league of nations, prohibition and bonuses," said the Senator, who is a delegate-at-large from Massachusetts.

Senator Walsh was one of the Democrats who bolted the administration in the Senate treaty fight. He stood strongly for Americanizing reservations.

His statement was prompted by reports that his name is being mentioned as a candidate for the Vice Presidency on the Democratic ticket and on a third party ticket with Senator La Follette. He denied he has been offered or proposes to accept "any nomination for national office."

SEE DOWNFALL OF RUSS REDS WITHIN MONTH

U. S. Agents in Tokyo and
London Say Trotsky
Is Dead.

FEAR NEW UPRISINGS

Czar's Old Commander,
Brussiloff, Now Supreme
Military Figure.

The Bolshevik reign of Lenin and Trotsky in Russia is doomed to fall within a month, according to government intelligence yesterday.

While reports by way of London and Tokyo that the Soviet has been overthrown, that Trotsky is dead and Lenin fleeing, were received with skepticism by officials here, it was forecast on official authority that the Bolshevik regime would fall either the latter part of this month or by the middle of July.

Uprisings Are Expected.

The fall of the Russian Soviet will come with peasant uprisings and it will bring into power Gen. Alexis Brussiloff, "commander-in-chief of the Czar's armies during the European war, and other officials of the old imperial regime of Russia. It is predicted.

Conditions today in Russia are reported to this government as worse than at any time during Bolshevik rule. The population is hungry, especially the people in the industrial centers, it is reported.

The Russian farmers are said to be turning against Bolshevism. Only allowed a tenancy on their farms under the Czar, the farmers looked to the Bolsheviks to give them ownership of the land, but have been disappointed in this.

Supreme in Command.

Brussiloff, said by officials here to be one of the most practical and brilliant generals produced by the world war, has been given extraordinary additional powers by the Bolshevik government to aid him in stemming the Poles. The old Czar general has been made practically the supreme military commander of Russia, displacing Trotsky in that jurisdiction. Brussiloff was given his powers solely to check the Poles, and the strength that the Bolsheviks have shown recently around Kiev is believed to have been due to him.

Red Breach Reported.

Besides the increasingly terrible conditions in Soviet Russia and the growing power of Brussiloff, a report to the government here is that a breach had occurred between Lenin and Trotsky during the past three weeks.

The breach is said to have been caused by Trotsky holding out for strict adherence to the revolutionary program with no concessions and Lenin wanting to give way in the program to secure resumption of peaceful relations with the allies.

EBERT PLANS OLD COALITION

Blocked by Both Sides, He
Considers Ousted Government.

Berlin, June 14.—The second attempt to form a cabinet, meeting demands of both radicals and conservatives, having failed, President Ebert late today was reported considering re-establishment of the old coalition government, which, while not entirely satisfactory to both factions, nevertheless maintained some measure of stability and held internal troubles to a minimum.

A meeting of Majority Socialists today decided that no members of that party would enter a cabinet in which there were representatives of the Right, or militaristic groups. It was also decided that possibility of a government composed exclusively of members of the Left was obviated by opposition of the Independent Socialists.

The Majority Socialists held that if a Right coalition were finally consummated the responsibility would rest with the Independent Socialists.

Ebert's efforts to form a new cabinet are meeting with opposition from both sides.

Worst Blow Yet Handed Caruso; Cellar Is Robbed

New York, June 14.—Talk of bad luck.

Within a week Enrico Caruso's wife had \$400,000 in jewelry stolen from her, and the tenor narrowly escaped death in a bomb explosion in the opera at Havana, Cuba.

Now to cap the climax it was discovered today that Caruso's wine cellar was robbed.

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Dad Says Harding Was in Race as Boy



DR. GEORGE T. HARDING.

Mrs. Heber Votaw.

Marion, Ohio, June 14.—"I'm going to grow up into a great man and become President myself."

That was Warren G. Harding's boast when he was 12 years old, according to his father, Dr. George T. Harding, who is still practicing medicine here.

"It was on Washington's Birthday in 1877," said Dr. Harding. "The church bells were ringing. Warren was playing with some boys in the back yard. They stopped to listen. Then Warren first announced his candidacy."

Dr. Harding was 76 years old the day his son was nominated, and Senator Harding will be 55 years old on November 2, 1920—election day.

BAND TUNES UP IN MARION, OHIO

Cornet Players Await Re-
turn of Alto Artist,
Harding.

Marion, Ohio, June 14.—Marion is priming for Warren's homecoming. This town of 28,000 inhabitants is so proud of having its "boy" Senator, Warren G. Harding, nominated for President that it is still bubbling over with joy today and waiting impatiently for "Warren" to get back. They expect him in a week or two.

Mayor Andrews said he would declare a holiday. The Marion Commercial Club, of which Harding is a member, is planning to extend him a "super greeting," as one of the officers phrased it. There will be bands, oratory and the time honored procession of school children clad in white and bearing American flags, parades of grown-ups, banners, bunting and banquets.

"The old boys" promise "Warren" a rare treat. Way back in the old days when Harding had just reached the dignity of long pants, he joined the village cornet band and performed on the alto horn. And now what's left of the old band will greet him at the station. The members insist they will make "Warren" toot on the old horn just for old times sake.

Dr. George T. Harding, the Senator's father, was home today from the numerous speeches he has been forced to make since Saturday.

HAIL STORM CUTS MARYLAND FRUIT

Hagerstown, Md., June 14.—A hailstorm caused damage estimated at thousands of dollars in the Edgemont South Mountain fruit belt, peach, apple and other fruit trees being stripped of green fruit and foliage, while strawberries and other small fruits and wheat were badly cut. Hail lay thick on the ground in places.

During the storm lightning struck and badly damaged the residence of Christian Boyer, near Edgemont, shocking Mrs. Boyer, who was sitting on the front porch.

Royal Visitors Get Hint That Ends Many Projected Trips to America; Regarded as Propaganda Junkets

President Wilson's indisposition has canceled the prospective American travels of more than one old world king or queen. Some time ago foreign governments were diplomatically informed that the White House could not conveniently entertain visiting royalty.

Several such tours had been contemplated, and the information apparently was most unwelcome news. For the would-be royal tourists, it is alleged, were much more interested in making American economic contacts for their impoverished kingdoms than in seeing America.

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BIG CAMPAIGN TO BE WAGED, SAYS HARDING

Declares Party Will Go to
Polls in November Primed
For Victory.

SHOWER OF GREETINGS

Taft, Longworths, Kinsfolk
And Others Send Con-
gratulations.

"There is one thing certain, and that is that the Republican party is going to the polls in November primed to win."

Thus did Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican nominee for President of the United States, indicate his confidence that he would be the next occupant of the White House, in virtually the only comment he could be induced to make yesterday.

"There is every indication," he said, "that Republicans, one and all and of every description, will enter the forthcoming struggle with whole-hearted energy, and thus assure our victory at the polls."

The interview with Senator Harding followed a morning of visits and conferences with Republican Senators, Representatives and admirers. He had arrived in Washington after midnight Sunday from his triumph in Chicago, but despite that fact was at his office early yesterday.

"I am all in," was his greeting. "Of course, I know you want to know all about what I intend to do and how I intend to do it," he said. "But how can I tell you when I do not know myself?"

Grateful for Honor.

The thrill of Saturday night is still with me. All I can say is that I am mighty proud of the honor which the Republican party has conferred upon me, and that, if elected, I shall put forth all of my ability to win the office.

For the present, I don't know what will be done. My plans are not even tentative.

Mr. Harding expects to leave Washington about the middle of next week for "some quiet place" to get in condition for what promises to be a strenuous campaign. He probably will return to Marion, O., his "home town," on July 5, after which it is expected he will be formally tendered the Republican nomination.

During his stay in Washington, the Presidential nominee probably will be in almost constant conference with leaders of the Republican party, in which the fundamentals of the coming campaign will be mapped out. Senators Lodge, Smoot and others already have conferred with him and Chairman Will Hays of the Republican national committee is expected to reach Washington Monday.

Welcomed at Office.

When the Senator arrived at his office he found a small army of newspaper correspondents, "movie grinders" and Senate employees awaiting him. He posed grimly for a moment while the camera men ground away.

"Why don't you smile?" asked one. "I'm sending a telegram, the Senator said: 'Here are congratulations from'

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JOHNSON HERE 'FORGETTING IT'

Off Politics for Present and
Nothing to Say, His
Comment.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson, accompanied by his wife, returned to Washington last night.

"I am forgetting politics for the time being. I have absolutely nothing to say," was the only comment he would make.

The Senator's train was late and he was tired after the convention strain and the long, hot trip from Chicago. He hurried from the station to his private automobile and went immediately to his home, the old Cecil Calvert mansion near Riverdale, Md., to take a long rest. At the Capitol it was said Senator Johnson may not come down to his office for a day or two. Despite the vigor of his campaign he carried off for the Presidential nomination, it was stated, he has found time to attend to all important Congressional and personal business, and his desk is practically clear.

The Senator will remain here for some time before going to his home in California. He has no definite plans as yet, however, and the length of his stay in the Capital is indefinite.

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